



# Primary Care Service Corps (PCSC) WEBINAR -Funding Opportunity Overview

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# PCSC at a Glance



- Open to non-physician clinicians who provide primary care, oral and outpatient behavioral health services;
- Must work for a not-for-profit facility in a federally-designated Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA);
- Up to \$60,000 (\$30,000 part time) to repay qualified educational debt in return for a minimum two-year work commitment;
- Applications accepted January 31, 2015 – March 28, 2015 (rolling basis).

# PCSC Background



- Arose from workforce recommendations of the State's Medicaid Redesign Team (MRT);
- Service-obligated loan repayment program to increase the supply of non-physician clinicians who practice in federally-designated HPSAs;
- \$1 million in funding for the PCSC in the 2014-15 New York State budget;
- Additional \$1 million anticipated in the 2015-16 budget.

# PCSC Program Priorities



- Enhanced clinician recruitment and retention in NY's HPSAs;
- Incentivize the placement of clinicians:
  - in sites that effectively accommodate patients of diverse ethnicities, individuals with disabilities, and other underserved populations; and
  - who, in addition to English, speak languages common to the target population.

# Eligible PCSC Clinicians



- General and Pediatric Dentists;
- Dental Hygienists;
- Primary Care Nurse Practitioners;
- Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners;
- Primary Care Physician Assistants;
- Certified Nurse Midwives;
- Clinical Psychologists;
- Licensed Clinical Social Workers;
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists; or
- Licensed Mental Health Counselors.

# Eligible PCSC Service Sites



- Must be in a HPSA;
- Must encompass primary care, general or pediatric dentistry or generic behavioral health;
- Outpatient or correctional facility settings only;
- Services must be available to all residents of the HPSA, irrespective of ability to pay;
- NYS facilities generally ineligible.

# NYS Shortage Areas



- New York has, evenly spread across NYS:
  - 93 primary care HPSAs;
  - 35 dental HPSAs;
  - 53 mental health HPSAs;
- Total shortage of health practitioners (remove all HPSAs) is 969 FTEs;
- Demand rising for health practitioners in light of federal health care reform, which added 961,000 additional New Yorkers to the system in 2014;
- <http://datawarehouse.hrsa.gov/GeoAdvisor/ShortageDesignationAdvisor.aspx> to see if your site is in a HPSA.

# PCSC Clinician Eligibility



- Meet the educational, licensing and employment status requirements in Sections 3.1 and 3.5;
- U.S. citizen or permanent resident;
- Adhere to the service and site requirements detailed in section 3.6;
- Not be a participant in other government loan repayment programs;
- Not be in breach of any health professional service obligation; and
- Start date in the site for which an award is requested is on or after April 1, 2014.



# PCSC Service Obligation



- Full-time - not less than 40 hours per week for at least 45 weeks per year;
- Part-time - not less than 20 hours, but not more than 39 hours of service per week for at least 45 weeks per year;
- A minimum of two years for full-time and part-time participants;
- Applicants for part-time obligations may opt for a four-year obligation;
- Applicants who have successfully met their two-year contractual obligations may extend their contracts for up to three additional years, regardless of full-time or part-time status, for a maximum of five years (subject to the availability of funding).

# PCSC Awards



- Up to 33 awards; awards tax-exempt;
- **Years 1 and 2:** 50% of total qualifying debt annually, up to the maximum shown below;
- **Years 3 through 5:** The balance of remaining debt annually, up to the maximums.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total
Maximum Full-time Award	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$26,000	\$150,000
Maximum Part-time Award	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$13,000	\$75,000

# PCSC Application Content



- Attachment 1, Application Checklist (1 page);
- Attachment 2, Application (5 pages);
- A copy of the fully-executed employment contract between the eligible facility and the clinician seeking PCSC loan repayment funding; and
- A copy of the applicant's current, full, permanent, unencumbered, unrestricted license, registration and certification (as applicable) to practice in the relevant discipline in the State of New York OR proof of pending license, registration, and/or certification (as applicable).

# PCSC Application Period



- January 31, 2015 – March 28, 2015 (rolling)
- Applications accepted by mail or email at any time during application period or until funds are exhausted, whichever comes first;
- Two applications accepted per program site, with one application per clinician;
- Program sites will be defined by geographic address or NYS operating certificate number.

# PCSC Application Scoring



Attachment 2 item	Applicant Has:	Maximum Points
<b>l. Languages</b>	Listed and documented languages in addition to English	15 (5 for each additional language spoken, up to 3)
<b>q. HPSA</b>	Completed and documented “Name and ID No. of Health Professional Service Area (HPSA)” and site is located in a HPSA	60
<b>s. Diversity – work environment</b>	Checked and documented any items in list	10 (1 point for each item checked and documented)
<b>t. Diversity – patient base</b>	Completed a persuasive narrative	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>Passing score is 60.</b>	100

# PCSC Questions and Answers



- Substantive questions asked today will be recorded and answered by the “Q and A available date” on the first page of the funding opportunity;
- Other questions subsequent to this webinar may be emailed to [sch\\_loan@health.ny.gov](mailto:sch_loan@health.ny.gov) until the closing date of the funding opportunity;
- No phone calls will be accepted.

# PCSC Contract Terms



- Between NYSDOH and the clinician;
- Initial term of two or four years (four year option for part-time applicants only);
- Payments made in six-month increments;
- Reports will be due every six months;
- Annual reports also due showing repayment of qualifying educational debt.

# Deferral and Default



- Must request permission in writing from NYSDOH to defer;
- Any deferral periods granted are added to the term of obligation;
- Defaulting clinician shall, within one year of defaulting, repay the State of New York the greater of either \$31,000, or the sum of:
  - The proportionate amount of the loan repayments paid to the Contractor representing any period of obligated service not completed; AND
  - \$7,500 multiplied by the number of months of obligated service not completed; AND
  - Interest.



# Key Dates



## Funding Opportunity Release

*December 18, 2014 on:*  
<http://www.health.ny.gov/funding/rfa/1409050405/>

## Updates and Q&As Posted

January 14, 2015

## Applications Due

January 31, 2015 – March 31, 2015 (rolling)



# Questions?

For more information on today's presentation please visit  
<http://www.health.ny.gov/funding/rfa/1409050405/>

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